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Commission on Ethics & Public Trust Miami-Dade County

Memorandum

To: File From: Michael Murawski, Advocate Breno Penichet, Investigator

Date: June 6, 2007

Re: K07-069

This Investigation is predicated upon information received in the form of a Hotline Complaint referral (HCR07-62) from the Office of the Inspector General.

In the complaint Mr. James Marshall (305) 235-7731 alleges ethnic bias on the part of the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners (BCC) on a zoning issue. The basis for Mr. Marshall's complaint is that this issue has been voted on several times by the BCC and each time the vote has been split along ethnic lines.

Mr. Marshall was contacted by COE Investigator K. Rosario and his complaint was discussed, it was pointed out to Mr. Marshall that the actions of the BCC would be reviewed to see if any patterns appear. The voting record was reviewed and no abnormal patterns were observed.

After taking into consideration the information and statements obtained in this investigation, there does not appear to be any indication that any ordinance within our Jurisdiction has been violated.

For that reason this matter is closed.